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Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire Secretary, Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554 FCC MAIL ROOM

RE:

CC Docket No. 94-129: CEI Networks, Inc.

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed (pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.51) are the original and four copies of a Petition for Waiver filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, seeking a waiver of the FCC's Verification Rules under Section 258 of the Communications Act of 1934 and 47 C.F.R. § 64.1000 et. seq., to allow CEI Networks, Inc. to be designated as the preferred long distance carrier for customers of its merging affiliate, Conestoga Communications, Inc. ("CCI"), without first obtaining the authorization and verification of each of CCI's customers.

Please let me know if anything further is required. Thank you for your cooperation.

Gerald Gornish

For WOLF, BŁOCK, SCHORR and SOLIS-COHEN LLP

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cc:

Ms. K. Michele Walters, Associate Director

CEI Networks, Inc.

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Before The Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of:

Implementation of the Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes Provisions of the

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CEI Networks, Inc. Petition for Waiver

ETITION FOR WAIVER

CEI Networks, Inc. ("CEIN"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby petitions the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") for a waiver of FCC's verification rules under Section 258 of the Communications Act of 1934 and 47 C.F.R. § 64.1000 et seq., and to allow CEIN to be designated as the preferred long distance carrier for customers of Conestoga Communications, Inc. ("CCI") without first obtaining the authorization and verification of each of CCI's customers. In support thereof, CEIN sets forth the following:

CCI and TeleBeam Incorporated ("TeleBeam") were both Pennsylvania 1. corporations that were subsidiaries of Conestoga Enterprises, Incorporated. Both had obtained authority to provide interstate and international telephone service by the FCC, CCI at File No. ITC-97-384 and TeleBeam at ITC-ASG-19991202-00750. During November, 2000, both companies, pursuant to fictitious registrations filed with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in July 2000, gave notice to their customers in bill messages that they had begun to do business under the trade name "CEI Networks." Copies of such fictitious registrations are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B; a copy of the content of the bill message is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

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- 2. On December 31, 2000, in accordance with the business corporation laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, CCI merged into TeleBeam and TeleBeam changed its name to CEI Networks, Inc. ("CEIN"). A copy of the Articles of Merger filed with the Corporation Bureau of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is attached hereto as Exhibit D. CCI and TeleBeam have not yet implemented the merger for interstate and international telephone services pending the filing and approval of this petition.
- 3. On February 7, 2001, CEIN notified the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.21 and 63.24 of the merger, certifying that the merger constitutes a pro forma assignment or transfer of control under 47 C.F.R. § 63.24(a)(4) or (5), and that together with all previous pro forma transactions, does not result in a change of the carriers ultimate control. A copy of such notice is attached hereto as Exhibit E. Informative Notice of the merger was published by the FCC on April 5, 2001 as part of DA No. 01-849.
- 4. CEIN seeks a waiver of the FCC's regulations requiring the obtaining of authorization and verification of all of CCI's customers to a change of providers. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291 and 1.3 and the requirements of previous orders of the FCC, CEIN hereby submits that there is good cause under 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, to justify a waiver of the FCC's authorization and verification requirements because:
- (a) implementation of the merger of two affiliated companies that have already been using the same trade name will be seamless to customers;
 - (b) CCI's customers will receive no increase in rates or charges;
- (c) requiring compliance with the FCC's regulations would be cumbersome and expensive since CCI has in excess of 28,000 customers;

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- (d) requiring compliance with the FCC's regulations might cause some temporary interruption to CCI customers who fail to respond in a timely manner to requests for preferred carrier change authorization, and those customers may have higher potential calling rates after the discontinuation of presubscribed services by CCI;
- (e) allowing a waiver of the FCC's carrier change rules and orders will provide a seamless transition with no disruption of service to the transferred CCI customers.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibits F and G are drafts of letters that CEIN proposes to send to the customers of CCI upon approval of this Petition. Attached hereto as Exhibit H is a draft of a letter CEIN proposes to send to the customers of TeleBeam upon approval of this Petition.
- 6. The first letter to CCI customers will advise them of the merger and that their rates will remain unchanged upon implementation; that they always have the right to choose a different preferred carrier, and should they decide to do so within 30 days after the letter is sent to them, CEIN will reimburse the customer for any associated carrier change charge that may be assessed. The letter will provide and advise that customers may call a toll-free number to obtain further information. Finally, although CEIN is not aware of any complaints by CCI customers, those customers will be advised that CEIN will investigate and resolve any complaints by customers of CCI.
- 7. The second letter to CCI's customers will be sent out more than 30 days after the first letter, will advise all CCI customers that the transfer has been implemented, and will reiterate the foregoing information, assurances and advice.

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8. The letter to TeleBeam customers will advise them of the merger and the change of name to CEIN. The letter will further provide and advise that customers may call a toll-free

number to obtain further information.

9. Pursuant to the above undertakings, the rights of both CCI and TeleBeam,

customers will be adequately protected, and they will have the opportunity to continue to receive

telephone service from the merged entity in a manner that will be seamless to them.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, CEI Networks, Inc. seeks a waiver of the

FCC's authorization and verification requirements under 47 C.F.R. § 64.1100 et seq.

Gerald Gornish

Attorney for CEI Networks, Inc.

Of Counsel:

WOLF, BLOCK, SCHORR AND SOLIS-COHEN LLP

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this Application for Registration of Fictitious Name to be executed this 3:4 day of June, 2000.

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In compliance with the requirements of 54 Pa.C.S. § 311 (relating to registration), the undersigned entity desiring to register a fictitious name under 54 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3 (relating to fictitious names), hereby states that: 1. The fictitious name is: CEI Networks 2. A brief statement of the character or nature of the business or other activity to be carried on under or through the fictitious name is: Telecommunications services and equipment sales. 3... The address, including number and street, if any, of the principal place of business of the business or other activity to be carried on under or through the fictitious name is (P.O. Box alone is not acceptable): State College 16801 467 East Beaver Avenue Contre Number and Street Zip County 4. The name and address, including number and street, if any, of each individual interested in the business is: Zip Name Street and Number 5. Each entity, other than an individual, interested in such business is: Pa. Registered Office, if any Form of Organization Organizing Jurisdiction Principal Office Address 467 East Beaver Avenue State College, PA 16801 TeleBeam, Incorporated Corporation Pennsylvania The applicant is familiar with the provisions of 54 Pa.C.S. 332 (relating to effect of registration) and understands that 6. filing under the Fictitious Names Act does not create any exclusive or other right in the fictitious name. 7. (Optional) The name(s) of the agent(s), if any, any one of whom is authorized to execute amendments to, withdrawals from or cancellation of this registration in behalf of all then existing parties to the registration, is (are): THE THE STATE

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, each undersigned corporation has caused these Articles of Merger to be gued by a duly authorized afficer thereof this April day of December, 2000.

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Title:_	President
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Title	Albert H. Kramer Chairman

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

This Agreement and Plan of Merger is entered into this 19th day of December, 2000, by and between Conestoga Communications, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation ("CCI"), and TeleBeam, Incorporated, a Pennsylvania corporation ("TeleBeam"). Together, CCI and TeleBeam are each referred to individually as "Subsidiary" and together as the "Subsidiaries").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of each Subsidiary deems it advisable and to the advantage, welfare and best interests of such corporations and the shareholder of each corporation to merge with and into TeleBeam pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended (the "BCL"), upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and of the mutual agreements of the parties hereto, and for other good and valuable consideration and intending to be legally bound, the Subsidiaries hereby agree as follows:

- Merger. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereof and in compliance with the provisions of the BCL, CCI shall, on the Effective Date (as hereinafter defined), be merged (the "Merger") with and into TeleBeam, which shall be the surviving corporation and which shall continue to exist as the surviving corporation (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Surviving Corporation") under the name "CEI Networks, Inc.", to be governed by the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended ("BCL"). The separate existences of CCI shall cease on the Effective Date, in accordance with the provisions of the BCL.
- 2. Articles of Incorporation. The Articles of Incorporation of TeleBeam, as in force and effect immediately prior to the Effective Date, shall be the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation except that its name shall change to CEI Networks, Inc. and shall continue in full force and effect until altered, amended or changed as therein provided and/or in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the BCL.
- 3. <u>Bylaws</u>. The Bylaws of TeleBeam, as in force and affect immediately prior to the Effective Date, shall be the Bylaws of the Surviving Corporation and shall continue in full force and effect until altered, amended or changed as therein provided and/or in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the BCL.
- 4. Board of Directors. From and after the Effective Date, the directors of the Surviving Corporation shall be as of the date hereof, subject to the provisions of the BCL and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Surviving Corporation, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

- 5. Officers. From and after the Effective Date, the officers of the Surviving Corporation shall remain as of the date hereof, subject to the provisions of the BCL and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Surviving Corporation, serving at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Surviving Corporation.
- 6. Caucellation of Shares. As of the Effective Date and by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the parties hereto, all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of CCI shall be cancelled and cease to exist. Each share of the capital stock of TeleBeam that is issued and outstanding immediately before the Effective Date shall, on and after the Effective Date, remain issued and outstanding as one (1) share of the capital stock of TeleBeam, and each holder thereof shall retain his or her rights therein. The holders of the shares of capital stock of TeleBeam outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Date shall, immediately after the Effective Date, continue to hold a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock of TeleBeam.
- 7. <u>Authorization</u>. As set forth in Section 1924 of the BCL, this Agreement and Plan of Merger has been authorized by the affirmative vote of the sole shareholder of each Subsidiary and by the unanimous affirmative vote of each Subsidiary's Board of Directors.
- 8. <u>Effective Date</u>. Pursuant to the BCL, Articles of Merger will be executed and filed at such time as is directed by the President of TeleBeam. The merger shall become effective on the date specified in each such document (the "Effective Date").
- 9. Effect of Merger. Upon the Effective Date of the Merger, the effect thereof shall be as set forth in Section 1929 of the BCL.
- 10. Further Acts. Parent and Subsidiary will cause to be executed and filed or recorded any document prescribed by the BCL and will cause to be performed all necessary acts within Pennsylvania and elsewhere to affectuate the Merger. The Board of Directors and the proper officers of the Subsidiaries are hereby anthorized, empowered and directed to do any and all acts and things, and to make, execute, deliver, file or record any and all instruments, papers and documents which shall be or become necessary, proper or convenient to carry out or put into effect any of the provisions of the Agreement and Plan of Merger.
- 11. <u>Termination and Abandonment</u>. Notwithstanding the approval of this Agreement and Plan of Merger, this Agreement and Plan of Merger may be terminated and the Merger may be abandoned, at any time prior to the filing of the Articles of Merger with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by an instrument in writing signed by an authorized officer of each Subsidiary, and upon authorization of the Board of Directors of each Subsidiary.
- 12. Counterparts. This Agreement and Plan of Merger may be executed in any number of counterparts and by either of the parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall constitute an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement and Plan of Merger is duly executed by and on behalf of each Subsidiary as of the date hereinbefore first written.

CONESTOGA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
By:
Title:
TELEBEAM, INCORPORATED
Ву:
Title:



202 East First Street / Birdsboro, PA 19508 / 610-582-8711 / 1-877-CONESTOGA (266-3786) / Fax 610-582-6466 / www.callconestoga.com

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Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire Secretary, Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554 FEB 0 9 2001

GERALD GORNISH

RE:

TeleBeam Incorporated (ITC-ASG-19991202-00750) and Conestoga Communications, Inc. (ITC-97-384)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to 47 CFR §§ 63.21 and 63.24, this is to advise that the above companies, which are both subsidiaries of Conestoga Enterprises, Incorporated and are both licensed for the provision of international message telecommunication services between points in the United States and international points and interstate telecommunication services between locations in the United States, have merged. Specifically Conestoga Communications, Inc. has merged into TeleBeam Incorporated which has in turn changed its name to CEI Networks, Inc.

It is our understanding, and we hereby certify that the merger constitutes a pro forma assignment or transfer of control under 47 CFR § 63.24(a)(4) or (5); and that together with all previous pro forma transactions, does not result in a change of the carrier's ultimate control. CEI Networks, Inc. will have its place of business at 202 East First Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508 and will continue to use the tariffs of Conestoga Communications, Inc.

For your files, we enclose a chart describing this pro forma change.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping and returning to us the additional copy of this letter, and advise if anything further is required.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Laffey

Senior Vice President of Administration

JJL/sgf

cc: Gerald Gornish, Esquire

[CEI Networks Letterhead]

[Date]

Dear Customer:

We are writing to you in your capacity as a former customer of Conestoga Communications, Inc. ("CCI"). CCI and TeleBeam Incorporated were both subsidiaries of Conestoga Enterprises Incorporated, and, as we advised you during November, 2000, adopted and began to do business under the trade name of "CEI Networks." In order to consolidate and improve our services to you, CCI has recently merged into TeleBeam Incorporated, which, in turn, has formally changed its name to CEI Networks, Inc. ("CEIN").

Before implementing the terms of this merger, we are giving CCI customers this notice, which is required by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), in order for us to implement a change in a subscriber's selection of a provider of telephone exchange service or telephone toll service. We have sought and obtained a waiver of the FCC's usual requirements that we receive specific permission from each CCI customer to provide telephone service to that customer, subject to our sending this letter, making the undertakings set forth hereafter and advising you when the merger is implemented.

First, we hereby advise you that no increase in charges or rates will be imposed upon you as a result of the transfer to CEIN.

Second, we confirm the right of former CCI customers who do not wish to be served by CEIN that you are always free to change providers, and advise you that if you do so as a result of this merger within 30 days of the date this notice is sent to you, you will be reimbursed for any associated carrier change charge that may be assessed upon you.

Third, we further advise you that any complaints you may have against CCI will be handled, investigated and resolved by CEIN.

Finally, if you have any questions or seek further information about any of these matters, you may contact us, toll-free, at the following telephone number:

1-888-935-4654

CEIN stands prepared, and hopes it will have the privilege of continuing, to serve you in the future and providing you the excellent service you were accustomed to receiving from CCI.

Very truly yours,

EXHIBIT "F"

[CEI Networks Letterhead]

[Date]

Dear Customer:

We recently advised you of the merger of Conestoga Communications, Inc. ("CCI") into TeleBeam Incorporated and the change of the name of that entity to CEI Networks, Inc. ("CEIN"); and that we had obtained a waiver from the Federal Communications Commission of certain authorization and verification requirements under its regulations. More than 30 days having passed, we wish to advise you that we are implementing the merger and to reiterate to you, as a former customer of CCI, the following information, assurances and advice:

- (1) You will receive no increase in rates or charges as a result of the transfer.
- (2) You have the right to change providers at any time if you do not wish to be served by CEIN.
- (3) CEIN will investigate and resolve any outstanding complaints you may have against CCI.
- (4) Any questions regarding any of these matters may be made toll-free at the following number:

1-888-935-4654

CEIN stands prepared and looks forward to continuing to serve your telecommunications needs in the future.

Very truly yours,

EXHIBIT "G"

[CEI Networks Letterhead]

[Date]

Dear Customer:

We are writing to you in your capacity as a former customer of TeleBeam Incorporated. TeleBeam and Conestoga Communications, Inc. ("CCI") were both subsidiaries of Conestoga Enterprises Incorporated, and, as we advised you during November, 2000, adopted and began to do business under the trade name of "CEI Networks." In order to consolidate and improve our services to you, CCI has recently merged into TeleBeam Incorporated, which, in turn, has formally changed its name to CEI Networks, Inc. ("CEIN").

If you have any questions or seek further information about any of these matters, you may contact us, toll-free, at the following telephone number:

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Very truly yours,

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